

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life  
Held on April 4, 2008  
Loyola Campus AD-308, 10:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Roger Côté, Chair, Mr. David Baker, Secretary, Ms. Katie Sheahan, Ms. Louyse Lussier, Ms. Elizabeth Morey, Ms. Brigitte St-Laurent, Ms. Laura Stanbra, Mr. Owen Moran, Ms. Anna Barrafato, Dr. Fran Shaver, Dr. Monica Mulrennan, Mr. Noah Stewart, Mr. Jermaine McFarlane, Mr. Zach Battat, Mr. Jaewoo Kim, Ms. Daniella Caputo, Ms. Claudie Boujaklian, Mr. David Thirlwall (on behalf of Mr. William Curran), Ms. Lina Lipscombe, Ms. Marilyn Lessard, Ms. Melanie Drew, Ms. Rose Wangechi, Mr. Shandell Jack

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Ms. Lorraine Toscano, Dr. Sup Mei Graub, Ms. Katherine Hedrich, Mr. William Curran

**ABSENT:** Mr. Elie Chivi, Ms. Leah del Vecchio, Ms. Ruirui Zhu, Mr. Majid Behbahani, Mr. Jean Brisebois

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chair called the meeting to order. Mr. Moran moved to approve the agenda and Dr. Shaver seconded the motion

*The motion passed unanimously*

**2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair introduced the new Dean of Students, Ms. Elizabeth Morey, to her first Council meeting. As The Dean of Students is Chair of CCSL, Ms. Morey will take this responsibility as of the 2008-2009 academic year. Ms. Lussier has attended the meetings on Ms. Morey's behalf and will stay on as an observer.

The Chair congratulated the CCSL awards recipients, and noted that Ms. Lipscombe was a recipient this year. The Chair also extended congratulations to the newly election CSU executive.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Thirlwall who was replacing Mr. Curran for this meeting of CCSL.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> 2008**

A small change was made to the wording of the minutes. Under item 6, the word labs was changed to lab.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Kim seconded the motion.

*The motion passed unanimously*

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Chair introduced Mr. Jack, VP University Affairs for the CSU. Mr. Jack was invited to speak on the CSU's proposed changes to the University Poster Policy. Mr. Jack explained that the suggested changes are not in any way finalized. The intent is to start a dialogue to address the problems that the CSU saw in the policy. Mr. Jack briefly explained the following changes:

- The CSU would like to be granted the authority to refuse to stamp posters that they consider offensive.
- Limit the amount of sexual and hetero-normative posters that go up on the boards.
- Posters would also only be accepted if they were in either French or English. Foreign language posters would require a translation be given to the CSU.
- Only allow a maximum of two posters per board for any given event. Groups would have the sole responsibility of removing the posters after their event was over.
- Insert a clause in the policy to say that once the CSU stamps a poster, it becomes their property.

After a meeting with Ms. Lussier, it was agreed that the CSU would in fact not seek to alter Item 3 of the Policy. Item 3 refers to which posters are allowed approval.

A discussion ensued after Mr. Jack's presentation. Council had concerns over how item seven concerning the stamping of posters would be enforced. What would be the incentive for students to remove their own poster if once stamped by the CSU, it no longer belongs to them. Mr. Moran suggested that perhaps the group could lose their posting privileges if they failed to remove them from the boards. The CSU did not feel the imposing of sanctions should be their responsibility and suggested that it would perhaps be better suited to the role of the Dean of Students Office.

Ms. Lussier explained that each year through the Work-study Program, the Dean of Students Office hires a poster removal person to keep the boards clean and to remove outdated or unstamped posters. As the student can only be hired a maximum of 15 hours per week she suggested that perhaps the CSU could also apply for a similar work study



position to ensure continued efficient maintenance of the boards. She thanked the CSU for the efforts that went into the review of the policy. However, as other umbrella associations also approve posters she felt that not all the players were present to adequately discuss the policy.

Ms. Morey and Dr. Shaver were uncomfortable leaving the responsibility to deny/censor posters to part-time workers at the CSU. Ms. Morey said that as everyone can have a different interpretation of "appropriateness" perhaps a committee could be formed to make those decisions. She also suggested offering a training session, which would include Legal Counsel and Rights & Responsibilities, to sensitize group executives on appropriateness of posted materials. Ms. Lussier suggested that any questionable material be reviewed by Legal Counsel.

The Chair suggested that discussion on this policy should continue at the May CCSL meeting. He asked that in addition to Mr. Jack from the CSU, representatives from the umbrella associations as indicated in the current policy and a representative from Legal Counsel be included.

## **5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Ms Stanbra distributed the final report of the CCSL sub-committee on Alternative Revenue Generation. She explained that the committee had reviewed the viability of many alternative sources of revenue including corporate sponsorship, user fees and flat fee versus per credit fee. The committee concluded that the two most viable courses of action would be to learn more about CREPUQ's lobbying efforts regarding funding to the student services sector as well as the solicitation of sponsorship for student services events wherever possible. The Committee has reached consensus that the given mandate has been fulfilled. However, as 2008-2009 will be the preparatory year for the next budget cycle, the Chair suggested that it may be beneficial to continue this committee.

Ms. Sheahan distributed the year-end report for the CCSL Sub-Committee on communications. She briefly explained that Library Services, University Communications, Vice-President Services participated at the last meeting which resulted in new ideas and different ways of improving communication strategies for student services.

The Generations Pact Gala Banquet with invited guests David Suzuki and Hubert Reeves took place April 3 at the Biodome. The Minister of Sustainable Development announced that the provincial government would match the money raised by students for a total of 250,000\$, 150,000\$ of which should come to Concordia. She also said that if they raised more the government would meet with them to identify future support.

Mr. Stewart gave a presentation of the services offered by the CSU, including some new initiatives. Some of these included the CSU Tutoring Centre, the CSU legal Clinic and the CSU 101's which were courses given to students at greatly reduced rates (bartending, knitting, wine tasting etc.). Council asked why CSU was duplicating services that were

already in existence at the University and whether they were working with departments that already offered those services. Mr. Stewart said that they do work with departments. As an example the CSU collaborates with Counselling & Development with their tutoring centre. He felt there was sufficient demand for these services to warrant duplication and explained students may feel more comfortable going to student operated services rather than University operated services.

**6. STUDENT LIFE ISSUES**

There were no issues discussed.

**7. New Business**

There were no issues discussed.

**8. Next meeting: TBA**

**9. Termination of Meeting**

Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Morey seconded the motion.

***The motion passed unanimously.***